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Honorable Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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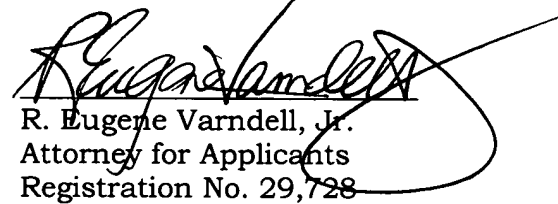
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